

## COVID-19 Update for Devens: May 5, 2020



**Mandatory face covering order in effect:** While the stay at home advisory remains in effect, if you must go outside for any reason, as of May 6, 2020, the Governor is requiring all persons over the age of 2 in a place open to the public (indoors or outdoors) to wear a mask or cloth face covering. Full details of the order are at: <https://bit.ly/35yTrff>. Remember, this is NOT a replacement for social distancing so please continue to stay at least 6 feet apart from others and do not congregate in groups. Learn how to make your own face covering at the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov). If you need masks, the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health has free face masks available. For more information, contact Bridgette Braley at 978.772.3335 or [bbraley@nashoba.org](mailto:bbraley@nashoba.org). If you have masks to donate, please also reach out to Bridgette.



You can use anything that covers your nose and mouth

Complete details on things you can use for a face mask, how to wear it and general do's and don'ts, can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/news/wear-a-mask-in-public>. **Non-compliance with the Governor's order could result in a civil penalty of up to \$300 so for everyone's health and safety, if you have to go out, please ensure you wear a mask.**

**Contact Tracing:** Persons testing positive for COVID-19 will receive a call from the MA COVID Team to provide you with support and to help identify those you have had close contact with to help stop the spread. These calls will come from a number with a 833 or 857 area code, so please answer.

**Reopening Planning Efforts:** The Governor has convened a Task Force that is charged with advising the administration on strategies to reopen the economy in phases based on health and safety metrics. If you would like to provide comments or learn more about this effort, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/submit-comments-to-the-reopening-advisory-board>

**Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.** They are currently operating as a drive-thru pantry and will be open this week on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are well and able, they are seeking volunteers to assist in their efforts. For complete details, go to: <https://loavesfishespantry.org/>

**Essential Services Still Operating:** Businesses still operating should be following the [CDC guidance for businesses](https://www.cdc.gov) and be sure to share this information with all your employees. Existing businesses still operating should also be following [additional guidance](#) from the MA Department of Public Health.

**Answer the call.**

The greatest act of love is answering the call. If you've tested positive for COVID-19, the MA COVID Team will be reaching out via phone to connect you with the support you need through quarantine and to identify your close contacts to stop the spread.

Your caller ID will show the call is coming from

**MA COVID TEAM**  
(833) or (857)

**Look for area code**  
(833) or (857)

**Answer the call.**  
**Stop the virus.**  
#COVID19MA

Community Tracing Collaborative

**Partners In Health** | Your name will not be released.

**Closure of Non-Essential Services.** All businesses and organizations that do not provide “**COVID-19 Essential Services**” remain closed to the public. Businesses are encouraged to continue operations remotely where feasible. Full details at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services> . Some restaurants, bars, and other establishments that sell food and beverages in Devens are still open for take-out and by delivery but please be sure to wear your face mask if you are visiting any establishments.

**Additional information on COVID-19 for MA residents can be found at:** <http://bit.ly/MADPHCOVID19>. For daily updates and the latest news on COVID-19 in Massachusetts, go to : <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information#daily-updates->

The DEC, acting in its capacity as the local Board of Health for Devens, continues to monitor the situation in Devens in collaboration with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, the Devens Public Safety Officer (Devens Fire Chief Tim Kelly), and MassDevelopment. **For immediate questions and concerns, residents and businesses can dial 2-1-1.** Any Questions for the DEC can be directed to 978.772.8831.

**We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in helping to minimize the spread of this virus.**